



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/633,855	08/04/2003	Hsieh Sheng-Bin	SOU-102US	5641
24314	7590	09/02/2004	EXAMINER	
JANSSON, SHUPE & MUNGER, LTD 245 MAIN STREET RACINE, WI 53403			HANSEN, JAMES ORVILLE	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3637	

DATE MAILED: 09/02/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/633,855	SHENG-BIN, HSIEH	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	James O. Hansen	3637	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) James O. Hansen. (3) ____.
- (2) Mr. Richard White. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 30 August 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Prior art of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.



JAMES O. HANSEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant initiated an interview on the merits. Applicant proposed amendments to the claims [claim 1 for example] and stated how the amendments to claim 1 were viewed as defining over the prior art [Stone ref. for example]. The examiner indicated that as presently proposed, the Stone ref. did not appear to teach of a vertical seam. The examiner noted that until the official copy is made of record, and an updated search is completed, the examiner cannot positively indicate allowability for such content .

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

facsimile transmittal

To: James O. Hansen Fax: 703-746-3659
From: Richard White Date: 08/25/04
Re: Application No. 10/633,855 Pages: 5
CC:
☐ Urgent ☒ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☐ Please Reply ☐ Please Recycle

Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for scheduling a telephonic interview for next Monday, August 30, 2004 at 2 pm EDT. As I had mentioned, I am forwarding to you, in advance of the interview, a proposed amendment to the application that I believe places it in condition for allowance. I look forward to discussing this matter with you on Monday, but if you need to reach me before then, please feel free to call at 262-632-6900.

Rick White

For interview
purposes only

Joh

JAMES O. HANSEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/633,855
CABINET WITH SOFT STORAGE DRAWERS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ In a cabinet of drawers, the improvement comprising:
 - a frame having rigid sides and at least one rigid divider, the at least one divider forming with the rigid sides a plurality of drawer-spaces of fixed dimensions;
 - a plurality of erectable/collapsible soft storage drawers dimensioned when erected to be substantially complementary to the drawer-spaces, each drawer including:
 - a body of flexible material, the body having a bottom, two first sidewalls, two second sidewalls, and a top opening defining an interior;
 - each first sidewall forming a full-wall pocket to receive a hard full-wall board embedded therein ~~each of the two first sidewalls;~~
 - at least one second sidewall having a substantially vertical folding-seam forming two half-wall pockets, each half-wall pocket receiving one set of two hard half-wall boards, the at least one set being embedded therein ~~at least one of the second sidewalls, the two half-wall boards of each set being separated from one another by a folding line;~~ and
 - a hard bottom board seated within the interior and supported by the bottom, wherein moving the bottom board away from the bottom enables each drawer to be collapsed.
2. (Original) The cabinet of claim 1 wherein each sidewall has a length and the length of each first sidewall is greater than the length of either second sidewall.

3. (Currently Amended) The cabinet of claim 2 wherein ~~one set of the drawer has~~ each second sidewall has a substantially vertical folding-seam forming two sets of two half-wall pockets, each half-wall pocket receiving one hard half-wall boards embedded therein.

4. (Currently Amended) The cabinet of claim 3 wherein each second sidewall has a bottom edge adjacent to the bottom, the folding line being orthogonal at the midpoint of ~~to~~ the bottom edge.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The cabinet of claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein the body has two opposed and substantially identical first sidewalls and two opposed and substantially identical second sidewalls.

7. (Original) The cabinet of claim 6 wherein each sidewall is orthogonal to the bottom.

8. (Original) The cabinet of claim 7 wherein the body has a rectangular top edge in a substantially horizontal plane.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The cabinet of claim 1 wherein each sidewall is attached with respect to each adjacent sidewall along a vertical edge and each sidewall is attached with respect to the bottom along a bottom edge whereby the drawer has an integral body of flexible material.

11. (Original) The cabinet of claim 1 wherein each drawer further comprises a handle on at least one sidewall.

12. (Original) The cabinet of claim 1 wherein the bottom board is removable from the interior of the body.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ In a cabinet of drawers, ~~the improvement comprising:~~

- a frame having rigid sides and at least one rigid divider, the at least one divider forming with the rigid sides a plurality of drawer-spaces of fixed dimensions;
- a plurality of erectable/collapsible soft storage drawers dimensioned when erected to be substantially complementary to the drawer-spaces, each drawer including:
 - a body of flexible material, the body having a bottom, two first sidewalls, two second sidewalls, and a top opening defining an interior;
 - at least one hard full-wall board embedded in at least one of the first sidewalls;
 - one set of two hard half-wall boards embedded in each of the second sidewalls, the two half-wall boards of each set being separated from one another by a folding-seam line in the body; and
 - a hard bottom board seated within the interior and supported by the bottom, wherein moving the bottom board away from the bottom enables each drawer to be collapsed.

14. (Currently Amended) The cabinet of claim 13 wherein each second sidewall has a bottom edge adjacent to the bottom, the folding line being orthogonal ~~to the bottom edge~~ at the midpoint of the bottom edge.

15. (Original) The cabinet of claim 14 wherein:

- the body has two opposed and substantially identical first sidewalls and two opposed and substantially identical second sidewalls;
- each sidewall is orthogonal to the bottom; and
- the body has a rectangular top edge in a substantially horizontal plane.

16. (Original) The cabinet of claim 15 wherein a hard full-wall board is embedded in each of the first sidewalls.

17. (Original) The cabinet of claim 16 wherein each sidewall has a length and the length of each first sidewall is greater than the length of either second sidewall.

18. (Currently Amended) In a cabinet of the type having at least one drawer-space wherein the drawer-space is sized to receive a drawer, the improvement wherein the drawer is an erectable/collapsible soft storage bin comprising:

- a body of flexible material, said body having a bottom, two opposed and substantially identical first sidewalls, two opposed and substantially identical second sidewalls, and a top opening defining an interior;
- a hard full-wall board embedded in each of the two first sidewalls;
- two sets of hard half-wall boards respectively embedded in the two second sidewalls, the two half-wall boards of each set being separated from one another by a substantially vertical folding-seam line in the body; and
- a hard bottom board seated within the interior and supported by the bottom, whereby removal of the bottom board from the bottom enables the bin to be collapsed by folding the second sidewalls into the interior of the body.

19. (Original) The cabinet of claim 18 wherein each sidewall is orthogonal to the bottom and the body has a rectangular top edge in a substantially horizontal plane.

20. (Original) The cabinet of claim 19 wherein each sidewall is attached with respect to each adjacent sidewall along a vertical edge and each sidewall is attached with respect to the bottom along a bottom edge whereby the drawer has an integral body of flexible material.